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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Mr. Dornan:

This is the follow-up promised in the May 14 letter to you from Presidential Assistant Sam Fritchard as to the suggestion from you and your colleagues that the President consider sending a high-level mission to the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan.

The Administration shares your concern for the humanitarian crisis created by the brutal Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. We have assigned very high priority to ensuring that the basic needs of the Afghan refugees are met without imposing an unacceptable burden on Pakistan. We are closely coordinating our efforts with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), which has overall responsibility for managing the international relief program.

In 1980 the United States government provided \$40.7 million through international agencies for Afghan refugee relief, almost half the total of international contributions. In the current fiscal year, in spite of growing budgetary stringencies, our proposed official contribution will come to at least \$93 million. This will include \$40.2 million in PL 480 Title II food, \$39.8 million for the UNHCR and other international relief organizations, and an \$13 million contribution directly to the Government of Pakistan to help defray the costs of inland transportation of relief supplies. At the same time, we have been active in urging other members of the international donor community to increase substantially their aid to this vital program.

State Department representatives and other U.S. officials concerned with refugee affairs have made periodic visits to Pakistan to improve by personal observation our understanding of conditions, requirements, and problems. One such recent visit was enhanced by the participation of Representatives Joel Pritchard and Don Ritter. Undersecretary of State for Security Assistance, Science and Technology James Buckley, who headed a delegation to Pakistan for talks on bilateral relations last week, made it a point to set aside time for inspection of the refugee situation, including a visit to a refugee camp.

The Honorable  
Robert E. Dornan,  
House of Representatives.

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Richard P. ...  
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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 24, 1981

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Dear Mr. Chappell:

This is the follow-up promised in the May 18 letter to you from Presidential Assistant Max Friedlander in regard to the suggestion from you and your colleagues that the President consider sending a high-level mission to the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan.

The Administration shares your concern for the humanitarian crisis created by the brutal Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. We have assigned very high priority to ensuring that the basic needs of the Afghan refugees are met without imposing an unacceptable burden on Pakistan. We are closely coordinating our efforts with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), which has overall responsibility for managing the international relief program.

In 1980 the United States government provided \$44.7 million through international agencies for Afghan refugee relief, almost half the total of international contributions. In the current fiscal year, in spite of growing budgetary stringencies, our proposed official contribution will come to at least \$93 million. This will include \$46.5 million in PL 480 Title II food, \$39.8 million for the UNHCR and other international relief organizations, and an \$8 million contribution directly to the Government of Pakistan to help defray the costs of inland transportation of relief supplies. At the same time, we have been active in urging other members of the international donor community to increase substantially their aid to this vital program.

State Department representatives and other U.S. officials concerned with refugee affairs have made periodic visits to Pakistan to improve by personal observation our understanding of conditions, requirements, and problems. One such recent visit was enhanced by the participation of Representatives Joel Pritchard and Don Ritter. Undersecretary of State for Security Assistance, Science and Technology James Buckley, who headed a delegation to Pakistan for talks on bilateral relations last week, made it a point to set aside time for inspection of the refugee situation, including a visit to a refugee camp.

The Honorable  
Bill Chappell, Jr.,  
House of Representatives

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In regard to the need to minimize a major international conference about this issue, we have been in contact with the Government of Pakistan, and we are planning an international conference on the subject of terrorism sometime this winter. Such a conference would be for information purposes, but would have the effect of focusing world attention on the responsibilities of the United Nations for this continuing tragedy.

Minister

Richard L. Sullivan  
Assistant Secretary  
for Congressional Relations

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, DC 20520  
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Dear Mr. Crane:

This is the follow-up promised in the May 18 letter to you from Presidential Assistant Max Friedlander in regard to the suggestion from you and your colleagues that the President consider sending a high-level mission to the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan.

The Administration shares your concern for the humanitarian crisis created by the brutal Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. We have assigned very high priority to meeting that the basic needs of the Afghan refugees and not placing imposing an unacceptable burden on Pakistan. We are closely coordinating our efforts with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), which has overall responsibility for managing the international relief program.

In 1980 the United States government provided \$43.7 million through international agencies for Afghan refugee relief, almost half the total of international contributions. In the current fiscal year, in spite of growing budgetary stringencies, our proposed official contribution will come to at least \$93 million. This will include \$45.3 million in PL 480 Title II food, \$39.8 million for the UNHCR and other international relief organizations, and an \$8 million contribution directly to the Government of Pakistan to help defray the costs of inland transportation of relief supplies. At the same time, we have been active in urging other members of the international donor community to increase substantially their aid to this vital program.

State Department representatives and other U.S. officials concerned with refugee affairs have made periodic visits to Pakistan to improve by personal observation our understanding of conditions, requirements, and problems. One such recent visit was enhanced by the participation of Representatives Joel Pritchard and Don Ritter. Undersecretary of State for Security Assistance, Science and Technology James Buckley, who headed a delegation to Pakistan for talks on bilateral relations last week, made it a point to set aside time for inspection of the refugee situation, including a visit to a refugee camp.

Very Respectfully,  
Phil Crane,  
House of Representatives.

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In regard to the need to maintain a high level of international concern about this issue, we have been in close contact with the Government of Pakistan concerning the possibility of an international conference on the Afghan problem sometime this winter. Such a conference would be in the humanitarian purpose, but would have the added benefit of focusing world attention on the responsibility of the Soviet Union for this continuing tragedy.

Sincerely,

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Richard P. Rosenberg  
Assistant Secretary  
for Congressional Relations

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 24, 1981

Dear Mr. Hansen:

This is the follow-up promised in the May 16 letter to you from Presidential Assistant Max Friedersdorf in regard to the suggestion from you and your colleagues that the President consider sending a high-level mission to the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan.

The Administration shares your concern for the humanitarian crisis created by the brutal Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. We have assigned very high priority to ensuring that the basic needs of the Afghan refugees are met without imposing an unacceptable burden on Pakistan. We are closely coordinating our efforts with the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), which has overall responsibility for managing the international relief program.

In 1980 the United States government provided \$43.7 million through international agencies for Afghan refugee relief, almost half the total of international contributions. In the current fiscal year, in spite of growing budgetary stringencies, our proposed official contribution will come to at least \$93 million. This will include \$45.2 million in PL 480 Title II food, \$39.8 million for the UNHCR and other international relief organizations, and \$4.8 million contribution directly to the Government of Pakistan to help defray the costs of inland transportation of relief supplies. At the same time, we have been active in urging other members of the international donor community to increase substantially their aid to this vital program.

State Department representatives and other U.S. officials concerned with refugee affairs have made periodic visits to Pakistan to improve by personal observation our understanding of conditions, requirements, and problems. One such recent visit was enhanced by the participation of Representatives Joel Pritchard and Don Ritter. Undersecretary of State for Security Assistance, Science and Technology James Buckley, who headed a delegation to Pakistan for talks on bilateral relations last week, made it a point to set aside time for inspection of the refugee situation, including a visit to a refugee camp.

The Honorable  
George Hansen,  
House of Representatives.

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In regard to the need to maintain a high level of international concern about this issue, we have been consulting with the Government of Pakistan concerning the possibility of an international conference on the Afghan refugee problem sometime this winter. Such a conference would be humanitarian in purpose, but would have the added benefit of focusing world attention on the responsibility of the Soviet Union for this continuing tragedy.

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
Richard Fairbanks  
Assistant Secretary  
for Congressional Relations

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 24, 1961

Dear Senator Hayakawa:

This is the follow-up promised in the May 7 letter to you from Presidential Assistant Max Friedersdorf in regard to the suggestion from you and your colleagues that the President consider sending a high-level mission to the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan.

The Administration shares your concern for the humanitarian crisis created by the brutal Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. We have assigned very high priority to ensuring that the basic needs of the Afghan refugees are met without imposing an unacceptable burden on Pakistan. We are closely coordinating our efforts with the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), which has overall responsibility for managing the international relief program.

In 1960 the United States government provided \$42.7 million through international agencies for Afghan refugee relief, almost half the total of international contributions. In the current fiscal year, in spite of growing budgetary stringencies, our proposed official contribution will come to at least \$93 million. This will include \$45.2 million in PL 480 Title II food, \$39.8 million for the UNHCR and other international relief organizations, and an \$8 million contribution directly to the Government of Pakistan to help defray the costs of inland transportation of relief supplies. At the same time, we have been active in urging other members of the international donor community to increase substantially their aid to this vital program.

State Department representatives and other U.S. officials concerned with refugee affairs have made periodic visits to Pakistan to improve by personal observation our understanding of conditions, requirements, and problems. One such recent visit was enhanced by the participation of Representatives Joel Pritchard and Don Ritter. Undersecretary of State for Security Assistance, Science and Technology James Buckley, who headed a delegation to Pakistan for talks on bilateral relations last week, made it a point to set aside time for inspection of the refugee situation, including a visit to a refugee camp.

The Honorable  
S. I. Hayakawa,  
United States Senate.

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In regard to the need to maintain a high level of international concern about this issue, we have been consulting with the Government of Pakistan concerning the feasibility of an international conference on the Afghan refugee problem sometime this winter. Such a conference would be humanitarian in purpose, but would have the added benefit of focusing world attention on the responsibility of the Soviet Union for this continuing tragedy.

Sincerely,

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Richard Fairbanks  
Assistant Secretary  
for Congressional Relations

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Dear Mr. Hunter:

While in the United States, you have been very helpful in your efforts to improve the conditions of the refugees in the camps. Your visit was welcomed by the Security Administration, and you have been very helpful in your efforts to improve the conditions of the refugees in the camps.

State Department has been concerned with the refugees in Pakistan on account of the conditions. Your visit was welcomed by the Security Administration, and you have been very helpful in your efforts to improve the conditions of the refugees in the camps.

The Honorable  
Duncan L. Hunter,  
House of Representatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington D.C. 20538

June 24, 1961

This is the follow-up promised in the May 18 letter to you from Presidential Assistant Max Friedlander in regard to the suggestion from you and your colleagues that the President consider sending a high-level mission to the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan.

The Administration shares your concerns for the humanitarian crisis created by the brutal Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. We have assigned very high priority to ensuring that the basic needs of the Afghan refugees are met without imposing an unacceptable burden on Pakistan. We are actively coordinating our efforts with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), which has overall responsibility for managing the international relief program.

In 1990 the United States government provided \$28.7 million through international agencies for Afghan emergency relief, almost half the total of international organizations. In the current fiscal year, in spite of growing humanitarian stringencies, our proposed official contribution will come to at least \$93 million. This will include \$45.2 million in PL 480 Title II food, \$39.8 million for the UNRWA and other international relief organizations, and an \$8 million contribution directly to the Government of Pakistan to help defray the costs of inland transportation of relief supplies. At the same time, we have been active in urging other members of the international donor community to increase substantially their aid to this vital program.

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The Honorable  
John LeBoutillier,  
House of Representatives.

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In regard to the need to maintain a high level of international concern about this issue, we have been in contact with the Government of Pakistan and have agreed to hold an international conference on the subject of the situation in Pakistan sometime this winter. Such a conference would be of great value in purpose, but would have the effect of focusing world attention on the responsibility of the United Nations for this continuing tragedy.

Sincerely,

Richard F. Starnes  
Assistant Secretary  
for Congressional Relations

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASH., D.C. 20520

June 24, 1981

Dear Mr. McDonald:

This is the follow-up promised in the May 18 letter to you from Presidential Assistant Max Friedersdorf in regard to the suggestion from you and your colleagues that the President consider sending a high-level mission to the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan.

The Administration shares your concern for the humanitarian crisis created by the brutal Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. We have assigned very high priority to assuring that the basic needs of the Afghan refugees are met without imposing an unacceptable burden on Pakistan. We are closely coordinating our efforts with the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), which has overall responsibility for managing the international relief program.

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The Honorable  
Larry McDonald,  
House of Representatives.

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In regard to the need to maintain a high level of international concern about this issue, we have been in close contact with the Government of Pakistan concerning the possibility of an international conference on the Afghan situation sometime this winter. Such a conference would be humanitarian in purpose, but would have the added benefit of focusing world attention on the responsibility of the Soviet Union for this continuing tragedy.

Sincerely,

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Richard Fairbanks  
Assistant Secretary  
for Congressional Relations

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Farris:

This is the follow-up promised in the May 18 letter to you from Presidential Assistant Max Friedersdorf in regard to the suggestion from you and your colleagues that the President consider sending a high-level mission to the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan.

The Administration shares your concern for the humanitarian crisis created by the brutal Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. We have assigned very high priority to assuring that the basic needs of the Afghan refugees are met without imposing an unacceptable burden on Pakistan. We are closely coordinating our efforts with the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), which has overall responsibility for managing the international relief program.

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The Honorable  
Stan Farris,  
House of Representatives

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In regard to the need to maintain a high level of international concern about this issue, we have been consulting with the Government of Pakistan concerning the possibility of an international conference on the Afghan refugee problem sometime this winter. Such a conference would be humanitarian in purpose, but would have the added benefit of focusing world attention on the responsibility of the Soviet Union for this continuing tragedy.

Sincerely,

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Richard Fairbanks  
Assistant Secretary  
for Congressional Relations

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Dear Mr. Pease:

This is the follow-up promised in the May 15 letter to you from Presidential Assistant Max Friedersdorf in regard to the suggestion from you and your colleagues that the President consider sending a high-level mission to the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan.

The Administration shares your concern for the humanitarian crisis created by the brutal Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. We have assigned very high priority to assuring that the basic needs of the Afghan refugees are met without imposing an unacceptable burden on Pakistan. We are closely coordinating our efforts with the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), which has overall responsibility for managing the international relief program.

In 1980 the United States government provided \$43.7 million through international agencies for Afghan refugee relief, almost half the total of international contributions. In the current fiscal year, in spite of growing budgetary stringencies, our proposed official contribution will come to at least \$93 million. This will include \$45.2 million in PL 480 Title II food, \$39.8 million for the UNHCR and other international relief organizations, and an \$8 million contribution directly to the Government of Pakistan to help defray the costs of inland transportation of relief supplies. At the same time, we have been active in urging other members of the international donor community to increase substantially their aid to this vital program.

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The Honorable  
 Donald J. Pease,  
 House of Representatives

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In regard to the need to maintain a high level of international concern about this issue, we have been working with the Government of Pakistan to arrange for an international conference on the subject of terrorism sometime this winter. Such a conference would be a first in purpose, but would have the same effect of focusing world attention on the responsibility of the Soviet Union for this continuing tragedy.

Sincerely,

Richard Fairbanks  
Assistant Secretary  
for Congressional Relations

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 24, 1981

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Dear Mr. Pritchard:

This is the follow-up promised in the May 18 letter to you from Presidential Assistant Max Friedberg in regard to the suggestion from you and your colleagues that the President consider sending a high-level mission to the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan.

Because of your own subsequent visit to Pakistan in conjunction with the assessment team led by Sen. Dewey there is no need to review for you the very high priority which we have given to assuring that the needs of the Afghan refugees are met without imposing an unacceptable burden on Pakistan. You will be pleased to hear that we have just announced an additional pledge (subject to Congressional review) of \$25.5 million for the Afghan program, bringing our total contributions for 1981 to \$93 million. Undersecretary of State for Security Assistance, Science and Technology James Buckley, who headed a delegation to Pakistan for talks on bilateral relations last week, made it a point to set aside time for inspection of the refugee situation, including a visit to a refugee camp.

In regard to the need to maintain a high level of international concern about this issue, we have been consulting with the Government of Pakistan concerning the feasibility of an international conference on the Afghanistan problem sometime this winter. Such a conference would be humanitarian in purpose, but would have the added benefit of focusing world attention on the responsibility of the Soviet Union for this continuing tragedy.

We greatly appreciate the personal attention and energy which you have devoted to this problem. The time which you took from your busy schedule to visit the refugee camps in April testifies to your deep concern.

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Richard Fairbanks  
Assistant Secretary  
for Congressional Relations

The Honorable  
Joel Pritchard,  
House of Representatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Ritter:

This is the follow-up promised in the May 12 letter to you from Presidential Assistant Mark Fairbanks in regard to the suggestion from you and your colleagues that the President consider sending a high-level mission to the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan.

Because of your own subsequent visit to Pakistan in conjunction with the assessment team headed by Mr. Sweeney there is no need to review the issue. The priority which we have given to assessing the needs of the Afghan refugees are not of the same order as unacceptable burden on Pakistan. We have planned to hear that we have just announced a pledge (subject to Congressional approval) for the Afghan program, bringing our total commitment for 1981 to 993 million. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, Security Assistance, Science and Technology Administration, who headed a delegation to Pakistan for talks on relations last week, made it a point to set aside an inspection of the refugee situation, including a visit to a refugee camp.

In regard to the need to maintain a high level of international concern about this issue, we have been consulting with the Government of Pakistan concerning the feasibility of an international conference on the Afghanistan problem sometime this winter. Such a conference would be humanitarian in purpose, but would have the added benefit of focusing world attention on the responsibility of the Soviet Union for this continuing tragedy.

We greatly appreciate the personal attention and energy which you have devoted to this problem. The time which you took from your busy schedule to visit the refugee camps in April testifies to your deep concern.

Sincerely,

Richard Fairbanks  
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Dear Senator Symms:

This is the follow-up promised in the May 18 letter to you from Presidential Assistant Max Friedersdorf in regard to the suggestion from you and your colleagues that the President consider sending a high-level mission to the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan.

The Administration shares your concern for the humanitarian crisis created by the brutal Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. We have assigned very high priority to assuring that the basic needs of the Afghan refugees are met without imposing an unacceptable burden on Pakistan. We are closely coordinating our efforts with the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), which has overall responsibility for managing the international relief program.

In 1980 the United States government provided \$43.7 million through international agencies for Afghan refugee relief, almost half the total of international contributions. In the current fiscal year, in spite of growing budgetary stringencies, our proposed official contribution will come to at least \$93 million. This will include \$45.2 million in PL 480 Title II food, \$39.8 million for the UNHCR and other international relief organizations, and an \$8 million contribution directly to the Government of Pakistan to help defray the costs of inland transportation of relief supplies. At the same time, we have been active in urging other members of the international donor community to increase substantially their aid to this vital program.

State Department representatives and other U.S. officials concerned with refugee affairs have made periodic visits to Pakistan to improve by personal observation our understanding of conditions, requirements, and problems. One such recent visit was enhanced by the participation of Representatives Joel Pritchard and Don Ritter. Undersecretary of State for Security Assistance, Science and Technology James Buckley, who headed a delegation to Pakistan for talks on bilateral relations last week, made it a point to set aside time for inspection of the refugee situation, including a visit to a refugee camp.

The Honorable  
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The Honorable  
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Sincerely,

  
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